

# VERMONT WATCHMAN AND STATE JOURNAL

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS—CONSECRATION OF CHRIST CHURCH.

The 78th Annual Convention, being the 36th since the full organization of the Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, commenced its session at this place to-day. The annual meeting of the convention was held at 9 A. M. Immediately after, at 10 o'clock, was the meeting set apart for the consecration of the new church recently erected by the parish of Christ Church. Precisely at the hour a stately procession of the Reverend Clergy of this and neighboring dioceses, headed by the imposing figures of Rt. Revs. Bishops Williams, the consecrator, and McCloskey, in full Episcopal vestments, were received at the vestibule of the church by the wardens and vestry of the parish; passing them it swept slowly up the broad aisle of the crowded church, the Bishop and clergy repeating alternately the 24th Psalm.

The consecrating Bishop, having been presented with the instruments of donation and endowment by Rev. D. C. Roberts, Rector of Christ Church, proceeded with the ritual laid down for the consecration of churches, during which the sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Douglass of Windsor. This instrument was a solemn deed and covenant setting apart forces from all worldly uses except that of the Diocese and his successors to the worship of the Living God.

The usual service of Morning Prayer followed, the Sentence and Exhortation being read by Rev. Albert H. Bailey, D.D., who was followed by Rev. R. S. Howard in the Confession, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper.

The Paulus for the day, being the 84th, 122d, and 132d, were read by Rev. F. B. Atwell of Burlington. The first lesson, from 1st Kings, viii. 22, was read by Rev. C. Hale; the second from Hebrews x. 19, by Rev. Mr. Walker, Chaplain of the Bishop of Vermont.

The service was repeated by Rev. F. W. Sheldon, the former Rector of the parish. Prayers were read by Rev. J. Isham Hill of St. Albans. The communions service followed: Episcopate, Rev. Dr. Hicks; Gospellers, Rev. Dr. Swarts.

The consecrating Bishop announced for his term the 23rd verse of the 4th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John: "But the hour cometh when ye shall hear my voice not in the temple or in the place where I spake unto you."

The distinguished prelates delivered a forcible, eloquent and feeling discourse, to which no response can do justice.

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## The New National Bank Act.

The New National Bank Act reported by the Senate finance committee this morning, provides briefly that it shall be unlawful for any bank of redemption to pay interest on the deposits or balances of any other national bank; that the limitation of the present law which restricts the liabilities of individual banks to one-tenth of the capital of such banks, shall be made applicable to all deposits made by such banks with private banks or bankers; that no national bank, being a government depository, shall hold deposits exceeding fifty thousand dollars; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to let with the Treasurer of the United States, for a period of ten years, the sum of \$100,000,000, to be used for the payment of debts due to the United States, and for the payment of interest on the same.

The committee has also provided that any officer of a bank who uses considerations of any kind for the purpose of securing deposits shall be held guilty of misbehavior at the common law; that banks may change their names and locations under the restrictions and rules made by the Comptroller of the Currency; that banks going into liquidation shall be required to take up their books within ninety days after giving notice of liquidation; that banks now in liquidation shall take up their books within thirty days after the passage of this bill; and that the national bank circulation shall be increased twenty millions, which amount is to be issued only to banking associations organized in States and Territories having less circulation than five dollars for each inhabitant, so as to equalize the circulation in such States and Territories in proportion to the population.

## Vermont at Chicago.\*

The Chairman of the Vermont delegation at the Chicago Convention was Hon. T. W. Park of Bennington.

The Vermont Vice-President of the convention was Gen. G. J. STANNARD.

The Vermont members of the various committees were as follows:

On organization, Hon. W. W. GROUT of Boston; on credentials, Hon. LUCILLE BAKER of New Haven; on Resolutions W. H. JOHNSON of Boston; on nomination of National Republican Committee, Gen. C. SHEPHERD of Montpelier.

The Vermont member of the Republican National Committee for the coming four years, is Hon. W. P. PARK, who succeeds Mr. Gardner of Bennington. No better selection for this important place could have been made, and Mr. Park will make an active, influential and valuable member of the Committee.

Our delegates wisely wasted no time and breath in the dignified foliage of "complimentary votes" on the vice-presidency; but made their voices and votes tell from the outset, for the man of their choice. They were for Mr. Colfax first, last and all the time; and in the full vote of the 1st Congregational Church at Brookfield for the year ensuing.

A remarkable revival has taken place in New Albany, Indiana, where a population of 20,000, some 1600 have recently been converted.

—General Grant is said to have replied to one who asked him if he would replace both committees from Chicago on the same day, that his speeches were not so exhaustive that he could not make two of them on the same day.

Father Hecker claims that the Roman Catholic Church numbers one-third of the American population; and that if the members of his church increase for the next thirty years as it has for the thirty past, in 1900 there will be a clear majority.

—A paper published on the Canadian line says that at Ogdensburg a large quantity of "hard tack" is being manufactured for the purposes of certain gentlemen who speak with a high degree of contempt for the working classes.

—There is much religious interest in Woburn, and seven persons were baptized by Rev. Mr. Flanders of Albany last Sunday.

Berlin.—The Troy Whig says: "A

Senator Fessenden says he has long been for Grant as next President. Several other Senators also say, having had any conversation with Judge Chase on either the Presidency or the impeachment question.

The Chicago Tribune states that the Congregational Association of Michigan suspended its regular exercises when the news was received of the nomination of Grant and Colfax, and sang the standard doxology of the church amid the greatest enthusiasm.

Senators Ross denies bribery and asks an investigation, which the Senate has granted. In the mean time the impeachment committee will prosecute their own investigation. Why couldn't Ross trust to the investigation of that committee?

Chief Justice Chase having assented to June 3 as the day for the commencement of the trial of Jefferson Davis, if the impeachment trial had finished by that time it is understood that the trial will certainly take place the first of July.

The City of Portland, Maine, May 27, by a vote of 2432 to 556 nays, agreed to subscribe for \$750,000 worth of stock in the proposed Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad.

## From Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 1.  
The oath of office was this morning administered to Gen. Schenck as Secretary of War, by Chief Justice Chase, at the residence of the latter, after which Gen. Schenck proceeded to the executive mansion in company with Col. Campbell of his staff, and after a short stay, during which his commission was handed him by the President, he was accompanied by Mr. Johnson and Adj. Gen. Thomas to the war department where he assumed his duties in that office.

Gen. Grant called shortly after the new secretary had made his appearance, and paid his respects, as also did many others, including the heads of bureaus of the war department.

Mr. Edmunds' resolution of thanks to Mr. Stanton was called up, and opposed by Mr. Shattuck as being in its present shape merely partisan in its character. He admitted Mr. Stanton's ability and efficient conduct of affairs during the war, for which he would be willing to give him, but he would not thank him for continuing in office under the shield of a law which he himself had passed, and under circumstances which the Senate had voted should attach disonor to him. He therefore moved in amend by striking out the last part of the resolution.

Messrs. Edwards, Martin and Howard followed in high praise of Mr. Stanton's abilities, public services and patriotism. Mr. Howard in particular passing a glowing eulogy on his character, and saying no man would shine more brilliantly on the page of fame.

President Johnson this morning for the first time in many months visited the war department. Gen. Schenck called at the White House, and at 11 o'clock Mr. Johnson went to the war office in company with Generals Thomas and Schenck.

Another session of the Republican Senators had this morning to deliberate upon a subject to Col. John C. Frémont, of the Senate.

The Senate had previously

after some discussion it was decided to go on to an election on Thursday next for an entirely new set of officers of the Senate, excepting that of the President pro tempore.

On Sunday evening last, the barn of Rep. Son's, at Center Rutland, was destroyed by fire together with one yoke of oxen, three valuable horses, a couple of wagons and a quantity of hay. Loss \$1,000. Inured.

The Freemen says that Col. Johnson and Mr. Cummins of Rutland bought a house and lot in Greenfield, and that, without raising their eyebrows, they caught in four hours time, forty-five pounds.

The Middlebury Register says in Salleybury and Grafton many sheep are dying off from the effects of the inclement weather. The mortality generally presents among the poorer classes a quantity of meat. Loss \$1,000. Inured.

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Poor boyings of Hartford, shewed eighteen pounds of wool from his two year old buck on May 21st. It was the growth of one year and one week. The buck after shearing weighed eighty pounds. He is not nearly done yet.

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—Postage and express rates.—The fees of a direct line from Portland, Me., to Batavia, held a public meeting at Center Harbor, N. H., on Wednesday last. About two hundred representatives from along the line of the proposed route were present. Miss Edmunds was manifested, and endorsed the early completion of the great enterprise.

The movement of the postmaster of the town of Jeff Davis caused but little trouble.

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